

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION for the Advancement of Science announces definitely that the theory of evolution is proved—this on the authority of more than 2,000 of the leading scientists of America.

But hasn't William Jennings Bryan said that there was nothing in the theory of evolution, and that any man upholding it should be put in jail?

And hasn't Mr. Voliva, of Zion City, also denounced as foolish the theory that the earth is round and sails around the sun? How obstinate the scientists are!

AND THINK OF THIS: Right in Nebraska, Mr. Bryan's State, a prehistoric, original rat has been discovered near the bones of a three-toed horse. Strange that the rat should have survived while the dinosaur, saber-toothed tiger and the mammoth died out. Small troubles outlast big ones. The mosquito is worse than the dinosaur ever was, and a thousand times as dangerous.

THEY SAY THE FARMERS are back of Senator Borah's plan for a new conference, which means a conference to tie the United States more tightly to Europe's troubles. Farmers, it is said, believe that if we lend more money to Europe, Europe will have money to buy American farm products. Possibly, but that won't last forever. Cancel the billions that Europe owes us, send a few billions to follow them into the waste basket, and watch what happens to prosperity in the United States, including the prosperity of the American farmers.

HERE IS "EVIDENCE" never dreamed of by Poe or Sherlock Holmes. Moving pictures of the Carpentier-Siki fight show Carpentier's manager in the negro's corner after the fourth round, in which Siki had agreed to lose the fight. Is it possible to know what Carpentier's manager was saying in that corner? Nothing simpler. Deaf mutes that read language on the lips have studied the picture and can tell exactly what the manager of the white fighter is saying to the negro that failed to keep his bargain and "go to sleep" in the fourth round.

MUSSOLINI AND D'ANNUNZIO are engaged in a struggle for control of Italy. Look at the photographs of the two gentlemen and you see a picture of many similar struggles. It is Mussolini's powerful chin against d'Annunzio's big forehead. At first the strong jaw will win. It won't give the big forehead much chance to talk.

But in the long run the big forehead wins. When all this dust settles the Mussolini of the future will be running errands for the d'Annunzio of the future.

WHILE INDIVIDUALS STAND still, science goes always ahead. They are isolating the atoms by distilling mercury in the Chicago University. And they find that atoms are not alike.

Six different kinds, with six different weights in mercury. Each atom has its nucleus around which the electrons revolve with inconceivable speed, as the planets revolve around the sun. In proportion to their diameter, those electrons are as far from the central nucleus as the earth is from the sun. That would make anybody dizzy. Any atom is an inframicroscopic solar system.

DID YOU EVER HEAR of Seth Boyden, of Massachusetts? Probably not, which proves that it is easy to be useful and soon forgotten. One hundred and twelve years ago today Seth Boyden patented his machine for making wrought iron nails. Until then



SENATE CERTAIN TO DEFEAT BORAH PARLEY

MISSING CHINESE GIRL IS HIDING IN BALTIMORE; MER ROUGE PROBERS CHARGE KILLINGS TO KLAN

OPEN HEARING TO CARRY OUT PARKER'S WAR ON KU KLUX

Governor to Wage Fight to Finish as Result of Evidence in the Death of Two Men
SHOWDOWN NOW EXPECTED
Invisible Empire to March to Field of Waterloo, It Is Predicted by State Officials

By SAM BLAIR.
Universal Service.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 27.—The conference of State and Federal officials tomorrow and Friday at New Orleans, and that unusual proceeding called an "open hearing," scheduled for January at Bastrop, will have to do only with evidence against members of the Ku Klux Klan.

The "open hearing" and the conference will be the fulfillment of Governor John M. Parker's promise to wage war against the Klan to a finish.

MAY END THEORIZING.
This announcement, based on the highest State and Federal authority tonight may end the theorizing of many self-admitted klansmen in Bastrop and other towns of Morehouse parish. They have argued that the open hearing was for the purpose of finding clues for the solution of various types of crimes perpetrated in the parish.

They have openly proclaimed that "some" klansmen might be involved in the investigation, since "at least one out of every five men in the parish is a member of the organization." They even have admitted that it "might be possible that a few klansmen operating as individuals" may have participated in the kidnapping, torture and murder last August of Watt Daniels and T. F. Richards, the finding of whose mutilated bodies last Friday gave impetus to the activity of the investigation.

BLAMED ON MOB.
"But," the Klan spokesman maintained, "these men were killed by a mob."

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Red Ape of Al Smith's Son Vanishes With Detective; Police Alarmed

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—"Snooky," the hairy fellow and his Smith's young son, Walter, tonight again leaped into the limelight of publicity. He has mysteriously disappeared.

Detective Flynn, who at Mr. Smith's request had agreed to escort the Simian from the Central Park Zoo, his temporary quarters, to the Smith suite at a hotel here, was reported missing along with "Snooky."

Grover Bergdoll Not in Germany, Says Hotelkeeper

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH.
BERLIN, Dec. 27.
"GROVER CLEVELAND BERGDOLL is not in Germany."
That positive statement was made tonight concerning the American draft dodger by a hotel keeper at Eberbach where Bergdoll formerly lived.

Reports that Bergdoll had come to the United States disguised as a sailor cannot be confirmed here.

REPARATIONS CRISIS NEAR AS U. S. BALKS

France, England and Germany Appear Anxious to Draw America Into Mix-Up.

By Universal Service.
LONDON, Dec. 27.—A high official of the British foreign office today admitted that he knew Germany had submitted, through Secretary Hughes, the proposal which was transmitted to Paris, to organize a new four-power pact to guarantee the territorial integrity of France.

This confirms the report by Universal Service of the offer and its rejection by Premier Poincare.

London morning papers are agreed that the reparations crisis forced by France over the failure of Germany to deliver timber makes the situation portentous.

All are eager to draw America into the European mix-up and are united in the contention that the United States should extend the time for payment of the British debt to America and lower the interest.

The Daily Herald, Labor organ, though it does not expect America to agree, intimates that Chancellor of the Exchequer Baldwin will suggest that Britain does not pay until France, which obtained a part of the loan made to the British, settles up.

Other papers approach the debt question more deftly, but the suggestion of the Labor organ is in the back of many British minds.

Stammering Impossible To Cure, Says Doctor

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Dr. A. A. Brill, psychoanalyst, today told 250 members of the National Association of Teachers of Speech, in conference here today, that "stammering in most cases is incurable."

He added that "speech defect of this type are due to a mental kink which cannot be eradicated."

The convention is in session at the Washington Square center of the New York University.

DRY SLEUTH SHOT BY WOMAN IN RAID

Mrs. Minnie C. Tribby Claims She Thought Men Were Burglars.

LIQUOR SEIZED AT HOME

Agent Ruby, Wounded, Falls In Arms of Police Detective In Kitchen of House.

Firing upon police and dry officers at her home, 3935 Morrison street, Chevy Chase, yesterday, Mrs. Minnie Cavell Tribby, forty-five years old, shot and seriously wounded General Enforcement Prohibition Agent Ralph J. Ruby. Ruby fell into the arms of Precinct Detective J. W. Stephens in the kitchen of the fashionable home. Stephens returned the fire and the woman surrendered.

When questioned about the shooting, Mrs. Tribby declared, "I thought they were burglars." She was taken to the Tennyaltown substation and later removed to the House of Detention.

Shortly before midnight she was released on a writ of habeas corpus, furnishing \$3,000 bond for a hearing to be held today. Attorney T. Morris Wampler procured the writ.

BULLET IN HIS CHEST.
The bullet entered the agent's right chest and lodged in his arm. He was taken to Emergency Hospital.

Mrs. Tribby, widow of former Policeman Calvin S. Tribby and sister of Norman S. Bowles, indicted with "Nicky" Arnstein on a charge of conspiring to bring stolen bonds into the District, was said by police to be "the master mind" of a gang of fashionable bootleggers.

Armed with a warrant charging her with illegal possession and transportation of intoxicating liquors, Agent Ruby, with Lieutenant Peirson and Detective Stephens, called at her home about 4 o'clock.

Receiving no response at the front entrance, they crept to the rear and entered the kitchen. Mrs. Tribby, revolver in hand, awaited them in the hallway.

"We are police," cried Ruby. A shot rang out and Ruby fell. A second shot from Detective Stephens' revolver sent the woman scurrying into the dining-room, after having dropped her revolver.

FIND LIQUOR CACHE

Nearly 100 gallons of alcohol and thirty quarts of other liquors besides dozens of cases of bottling paraphernalia were found hidden in the cellar, according to the police. Barrels of corks and labels were included in the lot. These were seized by Federal agents.

The warrant, stained with the blood of the wounded Federal agent, was pasted against the wall in the front room of the house. It was served by Agent George Fowler, Assistant Chief General Prohibition Agent Linton S. Evans stated last night that prosecution would be launched immediately.

Ruby, who is thirty years old, resided with his wife and mother at 1201 Twenty-first street northwest. He has been working as an agent under Commissioner Haynes nearly two years.

Girl Tells Why She Fled Home In Own Words

By MILDRED WEN.
I RETURNED home Monday on account of my mother's illness. But I will not marry any one yet if I can help it. I am young, nothing but eighteen, and know nothing about marriage. I'll try not to marry until I'm over twenty, and know how to be a wife.

God knows how I hated to leave home, but if the matchmaker will only leave me alone! I love my family, they've been so good to me. Still it's impossible for me to be any one's good care of myself. I care and mother are worrying about me. But I know how to take wife now. I know my father nothing about money, all I care for is to stay home with my people.

All the women that talks a lot please stay away from my mother. Need not call up on phone and worry her like those girls up Seventh street did. The one that has been jealous about me, I hope they are satisfied now. Everything will turn out all right, and God will bless father, mother, brother and dearest sister Betty. I'll return to Washington in a few days, for I love Washington and no place like it.

KNIGHTHOOD BREAKS ALL FILM RECORDS

Closes Remarkable Run of 15 Weeks In Theater On Broadway.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—"When Knighthood was in Flower," Cosmopolitan's wonderful picturization of Charles Major's immortal story with Marion Davies starred in the role of Princess Mary Tudor, will end the most remarkable engagement ever enjoyed by a photoplay on Broadway when it closes at the Criterion on December 30.

The closing of "Knighthood" at the Criterion, resulting from inability to secure a longer tenancy of the theater, will terminate a run of almost fifteen and a half weeks during which time it will have played a total of 245 performances in 108 days with practically capacity business.

During its long occupancy of the Criterion, "Knighthood" has achieved a success unprecedented in the presentation of photoplays on Broadway. Its popularity made necessary three performances on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Instead of two as originally scheduled. Even this did not satisfy the continued demand for tickets and Cosmopolitan productions struck a new chord by inaugurating four performances a day.

Motion Picture Actress Dead In Gas-Filled Room

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Police were today investigating the circumstances which led to the alleged suicide of Miss Connie Mortimer, motion picture actress, found dead in a gas-filled room in a West Sixth street apartment. Her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Budget, could assign no reason for her daughter's act.

GIRL PENS LETTER OF WHEREABOUTS

Mildred Wen Writes Herald She Fled Home to Escape Marriage.

FREEDOM IS HER DESIRE

Too Young to Be Wife, She Says; Will Return If Wedding Is Called Off.

Little eighteen-year-old Nee Moy, bobbed-haired and Americanized and wearing the name of Mildred Wen, continues to play hide-and-seek with the "catch of New York's Chinatown," George Num Lee, twenty-two-year-old son of a wealthy New York Chinese merchant.

While the Capital's Chinatown is agog over the jilting of the New Yorker by the little Chinese girl who likes American ways of doing things even to choosing a husband, Nee Moy is in Baltimore waiting for "the fuses to blow over."

Her whereabouts were revealed yesterday in a letter to The Washington Herald, signed "Mildred Wen." Miss Emma Hood, five years Mildred Wen's teacher at the Gales School here, last night identified the handwriting in the letter as that of her former pupil.

One report last night was that the father, who conducts a restaurant at 316 Ninth street northwest, had relented and would not force her to marry the New Yorker. It was not confirmed.

The jilted Lee is said to be planning to return to New York today, and is credited with declaring that he would not now marry the girl even though she agrees.

Returns to Austria to Get Proof of Divorce

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Baroness Rolando Reisman Stankovic, who was refused a marriage license to wed Dr. Albert Lorenz, son of the famous Vienna surgeon, on the ground that she had not shown proof of absolute divorce, announced tonight that she would return to Vienna Saturday to obtain the necessary papers and would postpone her wedding until February.

She added that she would be married in this country.

Punch Sees Uncle Sam With "Bag of Influence"

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Punch's cartoon today pictures Uncle Sam as a plumed knight laden with bags of dollars offering Europe, a ragged beggar, a bag labeled "moral influence."

The cartoon bears the caption, "The Cheerful Giver," and underneath quotes Uncle Sam as saying: "Take this bag of gold. Did I say gold? Nay, it is something far more precious."

The beggar thereupon collapses.

"Divine Sarah," Reading Papers, Jokes Over Reports That Death Is Nigh

By Universal Service.
Special Wireless Dispatch.
PARIS, Dec. 27.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt sat up in bed tonight and read the newspapers, evidencing keen interest in the reports of her approaching demise.

Hughes Refuses To Comment on "Intervention"

By Universal Service.
SECRETARY HUGHES yesterday refused to comment on the numerous reports received from Europe regarding alleged American participation in discussions concerning Old World difficulties.

Newspaper correspondents submitted to the Secretary a series of written questions dealing with the following:
First, the report that the German government had again asked the United States to act as an intermediary between it and the allies.

Second, the report that the United States was sounding out the allied nations with respect to the possibility of reaching a settlement of the European question.

Third, the report that the United States had received the outline of a four-power treaty for maintenance of peace in Europe, the signatories to be Germany, Great Britain, France and Italy.

REMOVE TREASURES FROM ANCIENT TOMB

Egyptians to Take Priceless Belongings of King to Cairo.

By Universal Service.

LUXOR, Egypt, Dec. 27.—The removal of two objects of priceless value from the tomb of King Tut-Ankhamen was successfully carried out today.

One of the objects was an inlaid box containing sandals, slippers, jewelry, a black amber necklace, robes of the queen and a number of other articles which were placed beneath the robes probably at the time of interment.

The other object was an alabaster vase containing funerary balsam. The top of the box has a hunting scene in which the king with his bow and arrows, at the head of his courtiers, is shooting lions and antelopes. The scene is done in natural colors.

The vase, the box and their contents will undergo a preservative process before the journey by boat to Cairo.

Effort to Poison Serbian Prince At Dinner Fails

BELGRADE, Dec. 27.—Prince George, brother of King Alexander of Jugo-Slavia, is greatly improved tonight following an attempt to poison him.

The prince was dining at the home of Rada Pasitch, the premier's son, when he was stricken. All the members of the Pasitch kitchen were charged.

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WARNING NOTE BY PRESIDENT TO SEAL DOOM OF CONFERENCE

32 Senators in Session With Lodge Pledge Themselves to Fight Scheme to a Finish
PLAN ASSAILED ON FLOOR

Attacks Made by Republicans and Democrats Alike; Leaders Sure Proposal Will Fail

By WINDER R. HARRIS.
Universal Service.

After a day of stirring debate and other events greatly strengthening the opposition, Senator Borah's proposal for an economic conference last night appeared certain of defeat by the Senate.

Administration leaders declared a careful survey of the situation had shown they will be able to muster an actual majority against it in a test vote.

Only six Republican Senators, it was asserted, will vote for the amendment. They are Borah, Brookhart, McNary, Capper, Ladd and Norbeck. Norris, who has just returned, has not expressed a definite attitude, but is regarded as certain to stand with the opposition.

REED IS OPPONENT.
In addition to the Republican opponents, two votes are certain from the Democratic side. Senators Reed and Shields still are numbered among the famed irreconcilables.

None of the minority Senators is enthusiastic over the Borah proposition. It was learned authoritatively. Practically all of them are dubious as to its results. If they vote for it, they think it will be merely because they regard it as a step towards injecting the United States into the European situation, as proposed in the League of Nations.

At a conference in Senator Lodge's office before the Senate met, thirty-two Republican Senators, including all the Administration leaders and irreconcilables as well, unanimously pledged themselves to resist the proposal to a finish.

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